

Dear Cabin Owner/Operators,

Happy Winter! We hope this message finds you embracing the coziness of the season. We're excited to announce the Town will be rolling out a more convenient online portal to pay your local lodging taxes in Hochatown! We are partnering with <u>Avenu</u>, a specialized organization in tax administration services. Avenu is committed to ensuring a seamless payment process for your lodging taxes.

Phase One – Interim Online Tax Payment

Starting December 1, 2023, our new interim system is set to launch, allowing you to conveniently pay your taxes online. This website will enable you pay your Lodging Tax online: https://pay.eb2gov.com/Service/POS/2467?towncode=9319&groupname=143141&source=PS&towncode=9319&groupname=143141&sour

Phase Two - Full Service Online Tax Administration

In early 2024, we will roll out a new Tax Administration Portal that will provide our taxpayers with an enhanced full-service experience. You will be able to keep track of your cabins and what you've paid year-to-date for each one, with many other features that will help you calculate your monthly lodging tax with ease.

We appreciate your patience as we implement these changes and work towards making the process as efficient and user-friendly as possible. To assist you, we've compiled some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) below.

Thank you for your continued contribution to the vibrant community of Hochatown!

TOWN OF HOCHATOWN LODGING TAX FAQS

https://www.hochatown.gov/

Q: Where do I pay my local Hochatown Lodging taxes?

A: These can now be paid online at:

https://pay.eb2gov.com/Service/POS/2467?towncode=9319&groupname=143141&source=PS&towncode=9319&groupname=14314

Q: What is the current Hochatown Lodging Tax Rate:

The local town lodging tax of 4% shall become effective and must be collected on all "Lodging" within the town limits of Hochatown, Oklahoma:

LODGING: shall mean any buildings, structures, trailers, or other facilities of any kind or nature, in which the public may, for consideration, obtain sleeping accommodations in which one or more rooms are used for accommodations of such guests (regardless if the rooms are located in one or several buildings, structures, trailers, or facilities). The term 'lodging' includes hotels, apartment hotels, motels, tourist homes, transient lodging facility, RV parks, houses, courts of any kind or nature, lodging houses, inns, rooming houses, bed and breakfast, corporate lodging, trailer houses, trailer motels, dormitory space where bed space is rented to individuals or groups, apartments of any kind or nature, and all other facilities where rooms or sleeping facilities or space are furnished for a consideration. The term "lodging" does not include hospitals, sanitariums or nursing homes nor shall this term affect permanent resident facilities as defined below for residents for terms in excess of thirty (30) days.

Pursuant to Hochatown Ordinance No. 2023-03-07-01, you will now be responsible for collection and remittance of the 4% lodging tax <u>directly to the Town of Hochatown</u> (not to the Oklahoma tax <u>Commission ("OTC").</u> This collection is in addition to any funds remitted to the OTC pursuant to any other federal, state, or county taxes.

Q: How do I calculate my gross income?

A: Gross income is the total earnings or revenue before any deductions or expenses are subtracted. This includes cleaning fees, resort fees, pet fees, flowers, candy, photography, firewood, etc.

Income from Hochatown Lodging

Property Name	Property Address	Owner's Name	Lodging Income	Exemptions (Schedule B)	Net Taxable Lodging Income
1.			\$	\$	\$
2.			\$	\$	\$
3.			\$	\$	\$
4. Total from Schedule A page(s) through					\$

5. Total Net Taxable Lodging Income (Add Lines 1-4) \$

Hochatown Lodging Tax Due

6. Add total from Line 5 and multiply by 4%. This is your total Hochatown Lodging Tax.

\$ AMOUNT DUE

Enter the total Hochatown Lodging Tax (Line 6) into the "Amount" field below.

Q: Should I have Air B&B or another provider collect and submit my local lodging tax?

A: No – Cabin Owners/Operators are responsible for calculating and directly submitting their local lodging tax. If you have more than three cabins, you can complete and submit a Schedule A form with your tax filig:

https://www.interwaredev.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/HochatownOK_LodgingTax_SchAForm.pdf

Q: Where do I pay my State Sales Tax or County Lodging Tax?

A: Info on that can be found on the State and County websites:

https://oklahoma.gov/tax/businesses/sales-use-tax.html

https://mccurtain.okcounties.org/where-do-i

General Info on Taxes:

https://www.hochatown.gov/_files/ugd/8c9e93_50ac5af449af4fa8aa6a81faebb95e9a.pdf

If you need additional assistance, please contact: hochatowntrust@gmail.com